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1. SINCE REFTTEL, THERE HAS BEEN A SPATE OF PROVINCIAL RADIO BROADCASTS LABELING VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AS "NEWLY EMERGED THINGS" OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THEM. SHANGHAI BROADCASTS DECEMBER 16 THROUGH 18 PRAISED IN THOSE TERMS THE SENDING OF YOUTH AND CADRE TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, AS DID TSINGHAI DECEMBER 16; FUKIEN RADIO SINGLED OUT POLITICAL NIGHT SCHOOLS DECEMBER 17; CHEKIANG BROADCASTS DECEMBER 16 FIXED ON WORKER-PEASANT PROPAGANDA TEAMS AND LECTURERS IN THE SCHOOLS. NCNA DOMESTIC SERVICE DECEMBER 18 SPOKE IN BROAD TERMS OF HOW PEOPLE HAD "HAPPILY DISCUSSED THE MANY NEW INNOVATIONS WHICH EMERGED" DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. NCNA CAST THIS IN TERMS OF AN INCREASED AWARENESS OF HOW SIGNIFICANT, NECESSARY, AND JUSTIFIED THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, LED AND INITIATED BY MAO, HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. THIS SURGE IN LISTING OUT INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION FOR PRAISE AND SUPPORT COULD FURTHER REFLECT MOVEMENT AT THE CENTER TOWARD CONVENING THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (HONG KONG 12593). IT IS POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT A DRAFT REVISION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, CONTAINING SOME DISCUSSION OF CULTURAL REVOLUTION ACHIEVEMENTS, IS BEING CIRCULATED. FROM ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE, A SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR SUCH ACHIEVEMENTS AT THIS TIME COULD ALSO INDICATE EFFORTS TOWARD A COMPROMISE ON THE ISSUES BEHIND THE POLITICAL CONTENTION AND DEBATES WHICH HAVE MARKED THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE IN RECENT MONTHS. THE CLEAREST ASPECT OF THE CONTENTION, ON THE SURFACE, HAS BEEN A QUESTION OF DEDICATION TO PRESERVING AND PERSEVERING IN THE CHANGES BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION.

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